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"Anything the Community Needs"

North Ward Educational and Cultural Center provides programs in housing, jobs, college placement, legal services and recreation for area residents.

By Nancy Sullivan

A massive red brick mansion, headquarters of the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center, stands on the largest piece of property in Newark's North Ward. The size and prominence of the property is important to Stephen Aduabato, director of the Center and an ebullient, articulate spokesman for the white ethnic minority it serves. "There's no better way for us to prove our commitment to the community," he said, referring to the property.

The Center, funded by grants from Rutgers University and the National Center for Urban Affairs in Washington, among others, is committed to serving the community's varied needs through programs designed to stabilize housing, locate jobs, aid in college placement, provide recreational facilities for youths and senior citizens, and secure legal services for those who need them. In fact, as Aduabato says, "we'll handle anything from a fallen tree to careers and jobs. Anything that the community needs." The splendid brick building houses a number of activities for children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens, and one on-going project is a loving restoration of the interior of the building itself to its past glory.

The North Ward is predominantly white, and 70,000 of its 100,000 residents are of Italian descent. They share Newark's problems—substandard

housing, crime, high taxes, unemployment—but claim they do not share in its power because they are a minority. Many compare their status now with that of the black community before the city's population became 72 percent non-white.

Spokesmen for the North Ward point to the fact that there are no white ethnics on the anti-poverty boards, the Board of Education is dominated by black and Puerto Rican appointees, and federal programs focus most of their attention and money on the black and Hispanic cultures.

Yet, they say, a tight knit group bound by ethnic communal ties and the values of church, family and clubs, resisting the problems that have driven other ethnic groups into the suburbs—problems that intensified when in the 1960's, as the influx of blacks and Puerto Ricans became more pronounced, many thousands of affluent whites fled, leaving the rest to bear the brunt of economic and social changes. No one knows how many whites stay in Newark out of choice or necessity. One thing, however, is clear: there is resentment. The white ethnic minority considers itself abandoned, too numerically weak to defend itself against black political domination.

Aduabato's grievances are not aimed at the black community, with which he gets along quite well. "We want no slowdown in the advancement of blacks or browns, but we don't want their advancement at the expense of the white ethnics," he emphasizes. "Let's all share in the advancement with the same equality." His quarrel is with those "establishment" whites who cannot begin to understand Newark's problems unless they live there, and he feels strongly that Newarkers, black and white, should be left to work out their own problems.

A sound community is based on recognition of all the groups within it, Aduabato feels. "We don't want a white welfare reservation," he says. "We simply feel that it is time to focus more attention on a group of citizens who were forgotten."

The Center, which welcomes members of all ethnic backgrounds, had its beginnings in August, 1970, when it came into existence in the Aduabato kitchen. For two months, Aduabato and co-founder James Cundari embarked on a recruitment effort. Supporters included university officials such as Malcolm Talbot, former vice president of Rutgers, and business professionals such as Al De Rogatis of Prudential's Department of Community Affairs. Even Mayor Kenneth Gibson appeared to favor a program designed to promote interracial harmony and stability.

Although it began primarily as a referral service which could direct people how to take advantage of city services and anti-poverty programs, the Center now is the administrator of some very comprehensive and far-reaching programs which include:

- **The Neighborhood Housing Stabilization Board** which, in the words of Project Director Rev. Donald Eshleman, is "aiming at community stabilization by stemming the out-migration of whites." Rev. Eshleman has worked to eliminate block-busting by real estate agents, enforce local ordinances and secure reasonable mortgages for local individuals and businesses. Future plans call for a Housing Development Corporation to provide good housing for the North Ward.

- **NAB/Job Manpower Development Program** provides placement and on-the-job training for area residents. Feedback from local businesses about job availability will be stored in a "mini-job bank" for ready reference. Some assistance comes from local people. Macy Cecere, for example, owner of Holiday Gifts, a shop that occupies what was once the Kent Theatre, has employed a number of residents and has proposed the construction of a North Ward Mall which would provide many more job opportunities.

- **College Counseling Program and College Financial Aid Program** are designed to equip the student financially and socially for the demands of higher education. "Recruiters tend to see minority as a color," said Adubelo, who cites statistics that reveal that the white minority is being overlooked by college entrance and scholarship programs which are aimed at blacks and Puerto Ricans.

- **Neighborhood Youth Corps** for North Ward youngsters who can also join high school equivalency classes or after-school guidance sessions according to their particular needs.

- **Legal Services** are available for people who cannot afford a lawyer or who do not qualify for federally funded legal aid.

- **The Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs in New Jersey**, an affiliate of the North Ward Center which was founded in 1973, is a state branch of the National Center in Washington. Its purpose, defined by the national director, Msgr. Geno Baroni, is "to make white ethnics realize that this country should not be a melting pot, but a society founded on pluralism which is ethnically and culturally diverse."

Adubelo's most recent task has been to set up a corps of workers under Eugene Pasymowski, on loan from the U.S. Department of Labor, to offer equal employment opportunity counseling and to monitor the department's guidelines on discrimination. They work directly with the Chamber of Commerce and the National Alliance of Businessmen and Trade Unions, as well as local companies, to find jobs at the middle and upper levels for qualified white ethnics.

Other planned projects include a health maintenance organization, a media communications center and an early childhood development group. The Center is also considering putting together a machine and tool lending library.

The Center does not overlook the need for recreation. A leisure time club brings the senior citizens together, and there are classes in everything from photography to karate.

Adubelo is optimistic about the future of Newark as a multi-racial city though he feels it hinges on the success of the Center and its programs. "Society," he maintains, "must first begin to recognize whites as a minority here . . . we must find answers to how a white minority can exist in the state's largest city in the nation's most urban state, not only for the sake of blacks and whites here but for other cities now or soon facing the same problem." Only then, he feels, will Newark have a future. ■

TRAILER SERVES AS A MOBILE REFERRAL UNIT

The latest activity to make information available to North Ward residents about the services being offered by the NWECC is a mobile trailer. It will be located in different sections of the ward for short periods of time over the next several months.

It is a joint effort undertaken with Bloomfield College. Outreach staff from the Center and the college will be in the trailer from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. during the week and from 9 a.m. until Noon on Saturdays.

Rev. Donald Eshleman, the project director, emphasizes that the trailer is there to service the needs of all the residents, not just for youth inquiring about college and vocational counselling. Residents should come to the trailer to learn about what is available at the Center, Rev. Eshleman said.

The trailer was at Second and Roseville Avenues until January 10 and will be at Berkeley and Bloomfield Avenues until January 29. It will be moved to North Sixth Street near the Senior Citizens Apartments until February 14 and then to Heller Parkway and Highland Avenue opposite the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

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NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAMS COMBATING DETERIORATION AND BLIGHT

Inherent in the objectives of every program at the NWECC is neighborhood stabilization. However, the Neighborhood Housing Stabilization Program addresses itself directly to those conditions that physically destroy a neighborhood.

Rev. Donald N. Eshleman, the project director, with a staff of community aides and part-time college study students, have researched and compiled the necessary statistical information and taken corrective action in several areas that have made a visible impact in the community.

They have assisted residents in obtaining loans and grants to improve their properties; worked with others to stop unscrupulous real estate brokers in block busting activities; and looked after the disposition of abandoned homes.

They also have provided staff assistance to the Broadway Area Improvement Council and participating merchants for

improvements in that business area and have helped people with FHA mortgages who for one reason or another run into problems meeting their payments to revise the payment schedules.

The program also monitors zoning changes. In addition, staff has worked with local financial institutions to increase the amount of conventional and FHA mortgage money available to residents and businessmen in the North Ward.

Long range goals call for the establishment of a housing development corporation to make dramatic improvements in the housing stock in the community. The sale and re-sale of deteriorated housing, and even improving it, is a mere stop-gap method. A housing development corporation would provide the additional possibility of new avenues of funding and modern housing stock.

YOUTH IMPACT PROGRAMS REFUNDED FOR COMING YEAR

The North Ward Community Youth Project at the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center is completing its first year. Funds for the project are being provided through a grant to the city of Newark from the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency. Monies are channeled through the High Impact Anti-Crime office in Newark to the NWECC for use in the project.

Impact officials, as well as those at SLEPA, have given preliminary approval for increased funding and expansion of the North Ward program.

According to the program coordinators, Marie De Martino and Vincent Castellano, both longtime residents of the North Ward, more than 500 young people have been involved in the project. These individuals have participated in one or

more of the activities provided by the NWECC.

Impact funds cover the costs incurred in the program activities. Outreach and referral is an important part of the project in getting information to the North Ward residents about the various activities in the program. Individuals who are interested are then guided through a simple intake and assessment process.

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MARCH OPENING SET FOR DAYCARE CENTER

The day care center in the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center, nearly a year and a half in the planning, is scheduled to open in March.

The Center is accepting 34 children between the ages of 2½ and five years in the pre-school program and an after school program for 30 children between

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The Christmas Party at the Center was the highlight of the season. Enjoying the festivities in the montage above (top row L to R) Jim Cundari; George Branch, Newark Board of Education; Steve Aduabato; Adrienne Davis, Center Secretary; Cundari; Fire Director John Czulinski; Harrison Mayor Frank Rodgers; Assemblyman Michael Aduabato; Bernard Gallagher of Essex Senior Citizens and Fran Aduabato. (Bottom Row L to R) Tom Sansone, Anthony Burke and Al Bruzzo of the Center Staff; Gordon MacInnes, Wallace-Bridger Foundation; Dr. Francis X. McQuade, Seton Hall University; Eugene McHenry, Essex County Youth House and Caulfield; Eddie Setzer of the Irvington Senior Citizens; Aduabato; Bo Rosendi; Aduabato, City Council President Earl Harris and Municipal Judge John J. Dica. Inset . . . Aduabato and Dan Gaby of Keyes, Martin and Co.

NORTH WARD CENTER IS "SECOND HOME" FOR SENIORS

More than 700 senior citizens participate in a well rounded program at the NWECC.

From individual counseling on social security benefits, tenant-landlord problems and food stamps, the program also includes classes in conjunction with Essex County College, in dancing, exercise, arts and crafts, conversational Italian language and other classes of interest.

A Leisure Time Club meets weekly at the Center for discussions of subjects of concern to seniors as well as social activities such as films, entertainment with

prizes and sing-a-longs. The club serves as an activity which enables seniors to enjoy themselves and make new friends.

Food shopping transportation and medical transportation are provided on a regular basis. Many enjoyable trips to seashore resorts and points of scenic and historic interest are incorporated in the program.

Fran Aduabato, the program coordinator, heads a trained staff to assist seniors in completing applications for any type assistance. This activity also includes transportation to service agencies when necessary with a trained specialist from the Center.

Home visits also are provided where the senior cannot visit the Center for assistance. The Center is interested in locating isolated seniors and bringing them aid and services.

There are 25 enrolled in the Elementary Italian and Conversational Spanish, also 25 in Siliannastics and Yoga, and 20 in the General Psychology class.

Twenty-five senior citizens, who are enrolled free of charge, have signed up for the courses.

Classes will be held at the Center Mondays thru Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Mondays thru Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

SMALL TOOL LIBRARY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT NORTH WARD CENTER

Application has been made to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to fund a program that would provide grants to home owners for property rehabilitation work and a machine and tool lending library.

The tool library will function in much the same way as a book library. The tools would be purchased and then loaned to residents at no cost for basic repairs and renovations on their homes and property.

Too often even modest repairs go unheeded because residents do not have the money or tools to make the repairs.

The library also will hire a staff qualified to provide instruction in the use of the equipment and how to best do a job. Vocational training students in other programs at the Center also will be incorporated into the activity to assist residents in making the repairs.

COLLEGE COURSE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 20

Some 70 people have enrolled for college credit courses to be held at the NWECC beginning January 20. The program is being held in conjunction with Essex County College. Registration for the classes, which will end April 17, officially closed January 10 however, provisions have been made for late registrations up till the day classes start.

According to Marie De Martino, project coordinator, the response to this program is much higher than anticipated.



The senior citizens helped decorate the Center for the holidays. Pictured (left to right) Millie Cilento, Margaret George, Yolande Costanzo, Helen McGuire, Vito Del Cuore and Lorraine Egan.

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Both Young men and women are then introduced to activities and programs that interest them. These activities include vocational training, remedial education, recreation and work study as well as a Neighborhood Youth Corps.



Phyllis Rossi's typing class

The year 1975 promises to be an exciting one for the NWCYP. Existing programs and projects will be improved. New activities are being developed. Expansion is taking place in the Learning Laboratory for remedial reading and mathematics. A youth patrol is being developed to assist in crime prevention activities in the area immediately surrounding the NWECC. The Work Study Program also will be expanded to include 15 paid jobs for college students to assist in many of the activities at the Center.

The vocational training program funded with High Impact Anti Crime funds is a 21 week activity designed to service the needs of out-of-school young men and women. During the course of the program some 30 individuals will be involved.

Classes are held five days a week, six hours a day. A stipend wage is included in the program.

A typical day for the students includes two hours of remedial education and four hours of vocational training. The Learning Laboratory is conducted by Leo Uve, a specialist in remedial reading and basic mathematics. Instruction in the lab is staggered so that the boys receive assistance on a one to one basis in the morning while the girls attend in the afternoon.

The remaining four hours are geared toward vocational and job training. The young men are given one hour of classwork a day at the NWECC by Bill Uhlig, a retired engineer. In the use of tools and techniques. They then spend three hours at the Essex County Technical Career Center where they learn Carpentry, Auto Repair, Electronics and General Shop.

Vocational training for the girls includes instruction in clerical skills, typing and stenography. They are taught by Mrs. Phyllis Rossi at the NWECC.

Young people are received into the program by an Outreach and Referral component. This involves the Impact Advisory Board, a group of interested North Ward residents, and the Board of Directors, Advisory Board and staff at the NWECC.

Residents of the North Ward interested in the programs may find out more by calling the Center at 481-0415.

300 STUDENTS RECEIVE \$178,000 IN SCHOOL AID

More than 300 persons received career counselling in the NWECC's Technical Enrichment Program last year.

Carol Brown, the project director, filed a report this year showing student applicants received \$162,746 in grants to various educational and trade schools. She estimated in a subsequent report last month that at least another \$15,000 had been received by more students since the earlier report. In the previous year grants and scholarships totaled about \$100,000.

Most of the financial assistance to the students came from the Educational Opportunity Fund, federal education programs, state scholarships, tuition aid grants, tuition remission and Basic Educational Opportunity Grants.

The program is in its third year. In the first year the program functioned with a volunteer staff. In its second year it was supported by a small private grant and last year with a grant from the City of Newark, which is expected to be renewed this year.

The applicants were assisted in making application to schools and for scholarships and grants for tuition. They also were assisted in writing letters and follow-up activities after acceptance.

The grants and scholarships were for colleges and training schools in the health professions, computers and secretarial skills. Two applicants were assisted in being accepted to law school and one to a school of dentistry.

In one particularly interesting program the NWECC was instrumental in selecting four white ethnic Newark school students to integrate the highly prestigious Princeton University Cooperative School Program at Princeton University.

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the ages of six and 14. The School Age Program is scheduled to run on a full time basis through the summers.

The Education, Development and Policy Committee made up of Carol Brown, Adrienne Davis and Rev. Don Eschleman

are accepting applicants for enrollment. To be eligible to enroll a child or children a family must live or work in Newark and the family income must not be in excess of \$9,840.

The program will be administered by a professional head teacher-director. The pre-school program will have two group teachers and two teacher aides. The School Age program will have two teachers and two teacher assistants.

Carol emphasized that the Child Development Center will do just that—help in the development of all the children. It will not be a custodial activity. The curriculum will be a well balanced learning process involving communications skills, group activities and inside and outside play activities.

The pre-schoolers will have a lunch and snack program and there also will be snacks for the School Age children. The School Ageds also will be eligible to participate in the other services offered at the Center including remedial education programs and one-to-one tutoring with volunteer high school and college students.

Senior citizens participating in activities at the Center also will be involved with the children in the Development Center activities.

COMMUNICATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED AT NWECC

The NWECC, with a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, is implementing a social services information and referral program for residents in the North Ward.

The objective of this program is to inform residents of the community on the availability of needed social services and to provide information concerning them.

In addition, as inquiries are made, residents will be counseled concerning the services they require and transportation and a staff member guide made available to accompany them to the source of service.

As part of the information program, the Center plans to publish regularly a newsletter, this being the first issue, and a directory of social services available to residents in the community. In addition, special flyers will be printed on special services and outreach programs provided to inform residents of the services available to them.

LEGAL AID SERVICES AVAILABLE AT NWECC

James Cundari, who includes legal services as part of his staff responsibilities at the NWECC, reports that in the past two years he has handled more than 50 cases and made referrals in at least 50 others.

Legal aid is provided to community residents who cannot afford attorneys' fees for basic legal advice. Many of the people serviced had incomes just above the poverty level and therefore were excluded from taking advantage of federally funded legal service projects.

Some of the matters concerned tenants' rights, interpretations of insurance and real estate contracts, motor vehicle violations, complaints against merchants and questions regarding income tax procedures.

NWECC PHILOSOPHY

Residents of all neighborhoods are entitled to live in an atmosphere of peace, safety and comfort. The North Ward Educational and Cultural Center stands as a citadel of this neighborhood's determination to continue as a stabilized, residential community for all people—white, black and brown.

Toward this end, we believe, that maintaining Newark as a multi-racial city, requires, in part, the recognition of the legitimate needs and aspirations of the white ethnic community.

This does not mean the isolation of that community, or any community, but rather the opening of avenues of communication and cooperation between all people in the city.

This, we believe, can be accomplished through a meaningful partnership of all people in Newark with governmental agencies on the local, state and federal levels, as well as with business, industry and social agencies.

In this way Newark will remain a multi-racial, multi-faceted city, with equal opportunities for all its people.

Stephen N. Adubato
Director

MOBILE TRAILER (continued from page 1)

If residents making inquiry in the trailer can be served by any of the Center's activities, they will be referred to the appropriate person.

ETHNIC PROGRAMS LAUNCHED IN 3 MORE N.J. CITIES

The Center For Urban Ethnic Affairs of New Jersey, a project designed to establish neighborhood stabilization activities in ethnic neighborhoods throughout the state, has completed its initial organization activity.

According to Jim Cundari, who started the project two years ago with a modest private grant, leaders have been identified and organizing activities are under way in three other cities—Paterson, New Brunswick and Trenton.

The next step in these cities, according to Cundari, is to assist the leadership in evaluating their community's needs in every area and then develop a capability to seek Federal, state, local and private funds and assistance for community action programs.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STARTS NEW SEASON

Basketball, which proved to be one of the most popular recreation activities at the NWECC last year, will be expanded in the New Year. The number of teams in the league is expected to be increased from eight to at least 12 and perhaps 16.

According to Joe Pepasidero, the recreation director, much will depend on team sponsorship and individual contributions for uniforms and equipment.



More than 100 youngsters participated last year—"and that number could be doubled easily if we get the sponsors", Joe said.

The teams will play two nights a week at Essex Catholic High School gymnasium.

The NWECC also sponsored two teams in the City's summer baseball league—one in the junior league and the other in the senior league. The senior league team won the Newark City championship.

Another summer activity included bus trips. Three were made to Great Adventure, four to Shea Stadium for Yankee-Met games and seven day-long trips to various shore resorts.

In addition, the recreation program was successful with an indoor swimming program, a tackle football team, a tennis tournament, and a horseback riding program, all of which will be repeated this year.

The Center's hockey team now occupies the ice in the Ironbound Recreation Center every Wednesday evening from 10 a.m. til mid-night.

All of this is in addition to the regular recreation activities conducted every day at the Center where there are ping pong and pool tables, chess, checkers and cards and movies every Wednesday evening.

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DAY CARE FACILITIES TO OPEN IN AUGUST

An exciting concept in education — an Early Childhood Development Center for youngsters between the ages of 2½ and 5 years — is scheduled for an August opening at the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center.

North Ward residents are urged to make application immediately since the program is open to all qualified youngsters and selection for this "total concept" program will be made on a first come, first served basis.

The program will be housed at the Center in an area which is presently being renovated according to a comprehensive plan designed specifically to enhance and stimulate the learning process.

According to Felice Daniels, director of the project, the entire program is geared to offering a youngster exposure to varied components of the learning process that children in the selected age group rarely encounter.

In addition to art, music, science and mathematics, the curriculum offers instruction in large and small muscle control, perception, problem solving, language development, cultural awareness and school readiness skills.

Plans also call for visual aid and media training, recreation, field trips and a complete referral service for medical and social problems.

As part of the total concept approach, each youngster will receive a nutritionally balanced breakfast and hot lunch prepared by a professional cook.

There will be complete parent involvement in the center. Regularly scheduled meetings and conferences, on both a group and individual basis, will be held to discuss the child's progress.

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FELICE DANIELS NAMED DIRECTOR OF DAY CARE

Felice Daniels, a local resident and former acting director of the Essex County College Day Care Center, has been named Director of the soon to be opened North Ward Educational and Cultural Center Early Childhood Development Center.

Announcement of her appointment was made by NWECC Executive Director Stephen N. Aduato, who disclosed that Ms. Daniels was selected from among nineteen applicants for the position because of her outstanding record and day care experience.

A graduate of Newark State College in Union, New Jersey, she holds a B.A. in Education and is a candidate for an M.A. from Seton Hall University.

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OFFER FRESHMAN YEAR AND TUITION ASSISTANCE

Ever dream of attending college at a "small neighborhood campus" resplendent in Victorian setting in a 102-year-old mansion and majestically landscaped in the middle of an urban area, with almost personal attention due to small class size? Well, the opportunity has arrived.

Beginning in September, the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center (NWECC), in conjunction with Essex County College (ECC), will offer the first year of a college liberal arts education for 100 incoming freshmen at the Center, 346 Mount Prospect Avenue, Newark.

Courses offered will include fundamental mathematics, english, history, music, reading comprehension, accounting, psychology, medical science, business and art. Career programs include business management, medical science careers and accounting.

Tuition is \$17 per credit plus a one-time \$5 non-refundable registration fee and according to Carol Brown, director of the Center's Career Counseling Program, there is tuition assistance available for most students from any one or more of twelve different sources.

In addition, the program will process veterans' benefits, social security benefits for those eligible and offer complete counseling and tutorial assistance.

Senior citizens can enroll in the program and attend free of charge.

The courses are also open to high school students and the target population is the North Ward of Newark and all surrounding areas.

Prospective applicants are urged to register early at the Center, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or to call Carol Brown at 481-0415 for a specific appointment or further information.

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SWANK'S MEN'S SHOP CAPTURE TITLE IN NWECC 16-TEAM HOOP LEAGUE

DEFEAT ASSEMBLYMEN 65-56 IN FINALS

Led by Dennis Rotunda's 22-point performance, the Swank's Men's Shop Squires took a 9-point lead in the first quarter and were never headed thereafter as they defeated the Assemblymen by a 65-56 score to capture the championship of the NWECC Basketball League in the play-off finals.

Rotunda received offensive help from John Zalkains, the league's MVP (Most Valuable Player), who ripped the nets for 14 points and Mike Bubulka, who chipped in with 12 markers. Frank Kruczak led the losers with 16 points.

Steve Aduabato, Jr. captured the league scoring championship with a 24.3 average for 10 games. Trophies were awarded to the first and second place finishers at the annual NWECC Sports Dinner. John Zalkains of the Squires was voted the league's Most Valuable Player.

FINAL STANDINGS

North	W	L
Swanks	8	2
Carrino	3	7
Multr	1	9
Blazers	1	9

South	W	L
Gargas	10	0
Out-of-Towners	5	5
Megaro	3	7
Casale	2	8

East	W	L
St. James	9	1
Assemblymen	8	2
Bloomfield	7	3
Clifton	6	6

West	W	L
NWECC	7	3
Liberty Optical	5	5
Duva	4	6
Arlington	2	8

FALL LEAGUES FORMING

BASKETBALL - High School Age
BOWLING - Ages 12 thru 21
HOCKEY - Ages 7 thru 17

Registration will take place up until September 1 for Bowling and Hockey, and until October 1 for Basketball. Contact Joe Papasidero or Anthony Burke, 481-0415.



CHAMPIONS - Members of the Swank's Men's Shop Squires championship basketball team are, first row, left to right, Bob Romano, Bruno Giordano, Vincent Pace, Gerard Immersi and Mike Cicola. Standing, in same order, are Rick Sica (vice-president of Swank's Men's Shop and team sponsor), Ralph Fasano, Michael Bubulka, John Zalkains, Andy Muro, Dennis Rotunda and team cheerleader Janice Gentiloumo.



Most Valuable Player John Zalkains, receives the coveted MVP Award from NWECC. Asst. Recreation Director Anthony Burke.



NWECC Recreation Director Joseph Papasidero, left, presents High Scorer's Trophy to Stephen Aduabato, Jr.

TEAM MEMBERS AND SPONSORS

Liberty Optical-John Canella, John Cosco, Christopher Giangeroso, Robert Kissane, George LaTone, Albert Masano, Dave Michaels, Lawrence Melillo, Edwards Cosio, James Post, Richard Seeger.
Multi-Construction-Al Cinaco, Gerard Esposito, John Esposito, Bob Gatto, Chest Green, Kenny Imperiale, John R. Tronto.
Megaro Funeral Home-Fred A. Burn, Paul Casale, John DeVecchio, Mike DeVecchio, Joe DiTommaso, Ted Gatto, Alan Guiliano, Paul Lamb, Anthony Mongiello, Billy Petrucci.
Bloomfield Ave.-Renny Compolestano, Michael Coccarelli, Ralph Coccarelli, Joe Conforti, Don Duff, Anthony Maitlo, Tommy Marzio.
Duva Insurance-John Bianchi, John Franklin, Mark Franklin, John LaCoco, Vincent Perillo, James Rachelle, Michael P. Wiles.
Blazers-Victor Campana, Gerard Convasimo, Billy Morris, Robert Roberts, Michael Taylor, Alan Vazzano.
Casale-Paul Casale, John Gash, Juan Denker, Larry Malina, Anthony Sabatino, Sime Zinoli.
Clifton-Calvin Billy Capasso, Pat Capasso, Angelo Ciccarelli, John Dennis, Joe Immersi, John Timmers, Ray Lombardi, Michael Schavo.
Arlington-Daniel Buckley, Joe Buckley, Marty Buckles, James Dougherty, Christopher Heeney, Anthony Perillo, Robert Tella.
Swank's Men's Shop-Michael Bubulka, Mike Cicola, Ralph Fasano, Bruno Giordano, Gerard Immersi, Andy Muro, Vinny Pace, Richard Radwanski, Robert Romano, Dennis Rosendo, John Zalkains.
Gargas Rangers-Edward Buchnoro, Eddie Capozzi, Richard Newbold, Sam Piacenza, Jerry Penevski, Alan Riccioli, Pete Versich.
Saint James Church-Jesse Castellano, Sal DiCicco, Louis Ferrarullo, Mike Goffa, Bob Goshalski, Sal LaGrasso, Steve Mangin, Bob Marone, Joseph Nordin, Anthony Ray, Dominick Romano.
NWECC-Stephen Aduabato, Jr., Ron Bowman, Mike DeMasi, Joe Faccia, Luis Garcia, Pete Leone, Rusty Pace, Nick Restivo, Dean Toledo.
Carrino-Larry Caprio, Jerry Cassino, Tony DeVincentis, Al Iannone, Gerald Maghazian, Tom Matergo, Vincent Marx, Wayne McTigue, Joe Perna, Mike Speduto.
Out-Of-Towners-Rich Denning, Mike Dondoski, Paul Longorovich, Joe Palastina, Denis Pankolone, Wayne Ritchie, Chai Zelenky.
Assemblymen-Angelo DeGuercio, Art Lavio, Steve Louvo, Tom Huesler, Frank Kruczak, Steve Marvanski, Daniel Pelcia, Anthony Pontelli.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CENTER

SENIOR CITIZENS

A full range of programs and services including a weekly leisure hour, field trips, medical-food-shopping transportation, arts and crafts, social security and supplementary income request assistance, college classes and liaison with all local, state and federal agencies. Call Margaret DeMartino for information.

LIAISON SERVICES

In addition to other services available, the NWECC acts as a liaison with all local, state, federal and social service agencies. For further information, or to call anyone listed in this directory, the number is 481-0415.

CAREER COUNSELING

Tuition aid and financial assistance for a college education plus a wide range of services including career planning in technical, vocational and college educations and liaison with all college admittance offices. Call Carol Brown for information.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Classes begin in September in vocational training for both boys and girls, age 16 and up who are out-of-school. Training includes remedial and tutorial instruction and G.E.D. night classes. Call Marie DeMartino for information.

RECREATION

A year round recreation program for all ages, both boys and girls, including baseball, softball, basketball, swimming, tennis, hockey, bowling, boxing, weightlifting, arts and crafts, field trips, movies and clubhouse games. Call Joseph Papasidero for information.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION

A program designed to protect the North Ward from deterioration, including assistance on enforcement of building codes, health laws, renovations and demolitions. Referral assistance is given in obtaining low interest home improvement loans and mortgages. Call Rev. Donald Eshleman for information.

EDUCATION

In addition to GED (Graduate Equivalency Diploma) classes and remedial instruction, the Center will offer the first full year of a liberal arts education in conjunction with Essex County College in September (see front page story). Tutorial instruction is available to all residents on an appointment basis.

CULTURAL AWARENESS

The Center participates in the Columbus, St. Patrick's Day and Crispus Attucks parades each year and sponsors a pre-parade dinner on each occasion. Classes are also offered in Italian Culture and special events are held throughout the year in conjunction with other ethnic groups.

C.U.E.A.N.J.

Seminars and workshops are hosted by the Center For Urban Ethnic Affairs of New Jersey, an affiliate of the NWECC, and deal with such problems as housing crisis in ethnic parishes, urban renewal, how to combat neighborhood destruction, revitalizing neighborhood business and coping with the problems of the elderly. Call Rev. Donald Eshleman for information.

SUMMER RECREATION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Joseph Papasidero, NWECC Recreation Director, has announced the summer recreation schedule for the North Ward Center. The program is open to all residents of the North Ward of Newark and will be conducted both on and off the Center's premises at 346 Mount Prospect Avenue.

SWIMMING

All ages, Mon., Wed., Fri., 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Wilson Avenue Pool.

TENNIS

All ages, play all day at Center, and of July Tournament, sign up for instruction.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

All ages, Mon. thru Fri., 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Center.

BASEBALL

Three Divisions (ages 9-11, 12-14, 15-17), commences in July, sign up at Center. Site of games tentative.

BASKETBALL

Five male and one female team, play week nights at Ironbound Recreation Center, sign up at Center.

RECREATION CENTER

All ages, open Mon. thru Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. includes ping-pong, table pool, chess, etc.

SUMMER TRIPS

July 7	Yankees
July 16	Great Adventure
July 24	Mets
July 28	Yankees
Aug. 8	Belmar Beach
Aug. 7	Mets
Aug. 13	Seaside Heights Beach
Aug. 21	Yankees
Aug. 25	Great Adventure
Aug. 27	Shea Stadium

For further information, call Mr. Papasidero at 481-0415.

DAY CARE DIRECTOR

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Ms. Daniels also served as head teacher at the Essex County College Day Care Center, project associate at the Day Care 100 Training Project at Jersey City State College and director of the Discovery Center in Wayne, New Jersey.

A former teacher for the Newark Pre-School Council, she taught between 1957-69 at the Prospect Hill Country Day School, the previous occupant of what is now the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center on Mount Prospect Avenue.

For Felice, the appointment is like "coming home."

NWECC HIGH SCHOOL ARTIST WINS AWARDS

Ted DeCagna, a Newark Arts High School senior who works after school and during the summer as an artist for the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center, is compiling an impressive list of awards for achievement in art and photography.

This year he was awarded first prize in the City of Newark High School Division for his design of a logo for the Newark Bicentennial Committee. Last month he received honorable mention for an art photo from Rotary of Newark and earlier in the year took third prize in the Newark Rotary club Art Project.

In three successive years, 1973 thru 1975, he was awarded Certificates of Merit from the New Jersey Teen Arts Festival.



Ted DeCagna

DAY CARE CENTER

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development and topics related to the problems of raising children.

The project will be staffed by qualified day care professionals, including supervised student teacher and senior citizen volunteers, headed by Ms. Daniels, a recognized authority in day care with more than seven years experience in the field.

The Early Childhood Development Center will be open from 7-30 a.m. to 5-30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

All children must be between the ages of 2½ and 5 years and toilet trained to qualify. The program is free of charge to any family with a gross income of \$9,840 per year or less. According to the guidelines issued by the federal government, those families with a higher gross income may apply also but must pay a stipulated fee which covers the full range of services.

Anyone desiring additional information is requested to call Ms. Daniels at 481-0415 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Residents are urged to make application in person as soon as possible at the Center, 346 Mount Prospect Avenue, during those same hours or to call for a specified appointment for after hours.

Because of the tremendous opportunity afforded to youngsters in this "total concept" approach to education, past experience has demonstrated that enrollments are very quickly filled.

North Ward residents, again, are urged to make immediate application.

NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

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The committee administering the program in addition to Mrs. Brown, includes Rev. Donald Eshleman, of NWECC, Dr. Robert Spellman, Dean of Community Programs (ECC) and Charles Lovello, Director of Extension Programs (ECC).

Director's Report

STEPHEN N. ADUBATO

Happy Birthdays



The months of July and August take on significant importance for the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center since they mark important dates in the history of this organization.

It was the month of August in 1971, just four short years ago, that the NWECC opened its first official headquarters in a store front location at 168 Bloomfield Avenue in Newark with the assistance of a grant from Msgr. Geno Baroni of the Center For Urban Ethnic Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Our initial project was a career counseling program directed at assisting white ethnic students, mainly from the North Ward, in obtaining tuition and financial assistance for a college education.

With limited resources and encumbered by the problems of infancy, we managed to obtain approximately \$20,000 in assistance for some twenty youngsters. Within a year, the Center began to expand its programs and occupied nine rooms at its initial location.

In the four years since then, we have added some fifteen different programs to service the residents of the North Ward, including a senior citizen program which provides vital services and recreation for over 1,700 elderly, a program for high school dropouts, a youth employment and recreation program, neighborhood stabilization, art and cultural awareness, vocational training and other vitally needed social service projects.

To give one an idea of our growth and the tremendous need for services in the North Ward, that same career counseling program last year obtained \$178,000 in tuition aid and financial assistance for our youngsters to go to college.

The month of July serves as a "second birthdate" for us since it marks the occasion in 1973 when we moved into our present site—a stately thirty-room, 102 year old building at 346 Mount Prospect Avenue—which recently was highlighted in a WNET-TV presentation concerning the architecture of Newark.

We thank the residents of the North Ward and the many fine people throughout the city, state and country who have supported our undertakings, and look forward to the future in hopes that we will always be able to say "Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns of the Day."

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